

# Tri-Weekly Astorian

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## ASTORIA HEMLOCK.

Among the many natural advantages possessed by Astoria and vicinity, are those for manufacturing hemlock tanned leather and hemlock extract.

The greatest river on the Pacific slope with all its tributaries is ready to bear the products of the most populous and fertile valleys of Oregon and W. T. cheaply and quickly to Astoria; and there is no reason why this place should not become as great a depot for hides as Astor intended it should be for furs. Immediately upon the banks of the ship channels and navigable streams about the mouth of the Columbia River are forests of the finest hemlock timber in the world. The trees are of convenient size to peel for bark and to split into wood, with tall clean trunks encased in bark free from rosin and full of tannin.

The bark rates here at \$6 per cord, and the hemlock timber land can be bought for prices ranging from \$2 to \$10 per acre. After the bark is removed, the wood will pay for cutting up the stripped trees, and one or two summers will dry out the stumps and ground mould so that fires can burn over and clear the land, which is very productive, supporting evergreen grasses in abundance. The land will then bring more than the original cost, although the owner will have been largely paid above the purchase price, in the sale or consumption of bark. A plentiful supply of springs and streams furnish power and soft water for tanneries and extract factories.

From the doors of the manufacturing sea vessels could carry the leather and the hemlock extract to all the ports of the world.

The only tannery here (that of Leinenweber & Co.) has been running successfully for several years, doing a profitable business and extending its capacity as fast as the company's means would permit. Orders from home and the Atlantic States are frequently returned unfilled, the demand being so great that the company with its present capital is not able to manufacture enough.

The prices of leather on this coast and in the East return good profits on its manufacture here. Hemlock extract is quoted in the East at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 cts. per pound, and in Liverpool at \$100.00 per ton. The manufacture of this material has not been commenced here, but certainly with all the native facilities afforded, it would be profitable.

The field is open and needs but enterprise and a little capital to occupy it, remunerating the occupant and enriching the State.

## THE HOG'S-BACK.

Astoria Sept. 12th 1873.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

R. B. Randall, C. E., attached to the United States engineer corps of which Major H. M. Robert is chief in this department, is engaged upon a hydrographic survey of the Hog's-back. When the soundings are complete, he will make an estimate of dredging a channel 100 feet wide, to a depth requisite for the passage of large vessels.—Portland Paper.

Yes, the Astorians have been watching their boat sailing about that vicinity for several days. Our pilots also helped them to find the channel which is difficult for strangers, though engineers, to trace.

Just how many millions will be included in the estimate to dredge the Hog's-back, we cannot predict. As there are but 8 feet at low water, the channel will have to be deepened 16 feet to allow such boats as reach Astoria from sea to get over.

But Astoria objecteth not. No people in the world appreciate Government disbursements more than her citizens. Besides when the work is once begun, it will be necessary to continue each year so as to not lose

the previous labor. Nor is that all. The fortifications at the mouth of the Columbia are very imperfect barriers to the entrance of belligerent war vessels, but now no respectable foreign man of war can ascend the river above Astoria. Remove "Hog's-back," then in case of war, Portland might wake up some morning with a foreign gun boat in the middle of the Wallamet, the muzzles of whose guns yawning in the streets on each side of the river threatening dire destruction to the rich city, would compel the payment of large tribute.

To guard against such a catastrophe the construction of fortifications on Tongue Point at immense cost, involving the purchase of that peninsula from Astoria's citizens at a goodly sum, will become imperative. Uncle Sam is rich and we will gladly receive all he has to give. Q.

## Postal Facilities in Montana.

An amusing experience, which recently befell a special agent of the Post-office Department, illustrates the ideas which postmasters in the far West entertain regarding the dignity and importance of their position. The agent, commonly called "Mac," while officially visiting various offices in Montana Territory, for the purpose of correcting any irregularities of postmasters, stopped at Iron Rod. Going into the post-office he found the room divided into three sections, first a saloon, next the post-office, and last a faro bank. The mail-bag was brought in, a rough looking customer opened it, and emptied the contents on the floor. The crowd at once got down on their hands and knees and commenced overhauling the letters, among which several were registered, and selected such as they wanted. After they were through, the remaining letters were shoveled into a candle box and placed on the bar. The special agent, thinking the office needed a little regulating, asked the bar-tender who had received and distributed the mail if he was the postmaster. He answered, "No." "Are you the assistant postmaster?" "No." "Where is the postmaster?" "Out mining." "Where is the assistant postmaster?" "Gone to Hell's Canyon; and by thunder Bill Jones has got to run this office next week; it's his turn." The Government official then stated who he was, and demanded the keys of the office. The bar-tender coolly took the candle box from the bar, placed it on the floor and gave it a kick, sending it out of the door, saying; "There's your post-office, and now git." The agent says: "Knowing the customs of the country, I lost no time in following this advice, and got." That office was discontinued.

## WEATHER ITEMS.

The following is the amount of rain and rainy days at this place for the month of September during the past sixteen years:

	Am't of rain.	Rainy days.
1857	2.0	6
1858	3.9	9
1859	9.2	14
1860	2.5	12
1861	2.3	9
1862	1.6	12
1863	8.5	16
1864	4.8	19
1865	7.6	18
1866	1.2	9
1867	1.9	10
1868	0.3	3
1869	5.9	17
1870	3.0	9
1871	2.4	14
1872	1.2	11

The amount of rain during the month of August last was 2.17 inches. The number of rainy days, 5; number of rainy nights, 7.

Mean direction of wind for the month, west by south.

Mean temperature for the month, 60.5; mean barometer, 29.979.

## MARRIED.

At the house of Mr. B. P. Heckard, in Clatsop County, Sept. 10th, 1873, by H. B. Parker, J. P., Mr. Albert Aylmore, of Clatsop County, to Miss Sarah A. Heckard.

The printers of this office desire to thank the bride for substantial tokens of remembrance.

COME TO THE FOUNTAIN.—One of the most attractive establishments in Portland is the drug and perfumery store of our old friend Samuel M. Smith, corner of Ash and First streets. Mr. Smith was for many years senior partner of the firm of Smith & Davis. And, besides being a thoroughly practical druggist and chemist is, withal, as genial a gentleman as ever grasped a hand in friendship. His store is fitted up and stocked in a magnificent manner with everything usually found in a complete stock of drugs, chemicals, perfumeries, etc. But the feature par excellence is the soda fountain, one of the famous Arctic patent, an immense affair, a monument reared in marble and silver to the health of the thirsty. It has deliveries, on opposite sides, and can accommodate a rush. It is stocked with Kissengen, Congress, Vichy, Seltzer and different kinds of syrups. The cooling apparatus is the most perfect in use, and the product of that fountain a draught that surpasses "the nectar of the gods."

## Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F.

Meet every Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Odd Fellow's Hall, corner of Cass and Jefferson streets, Astoria. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order, N. G.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### \$100.00 REWARD.

The undersigned will pay \$100.00 reward to any person who will make known and convict the person who set his Salmon house on fire. FRED COLBERT. Astoria, Sept. 12th 1873.

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## Sheriff Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued upon a decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clatsop, made on the 18th day of August, 1873, in which Alanson Hinman is Plaintiff, and James Welch and Nancy Welch are defendants, commanding and directing me to sell lots one, two, three, four and five, in block one hundred and twelve, of Shively's Astoria, in the County of Clatsop, in the State of Oregon, or so many of them as may be sufficient to pay and satisfy the several sums of money in said decree specified, to-wit: the sum of three hundred and eighty-one and fifty one-hundredths dollars, and interest thereon at one per cent, per month, in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendant James Welch; also, the further sum of forty dollars for attorney's compensation, together with costs and disbursements taxed at 24 1/2-100 dollars, and costs to accrue on said execution, I have this day levied upon all the right, titles, interest and estate of the said James Welch and Nancy Welch, in and to the said lots one, two, three, four and five, in said block one hundred and twelve, in said Shively's Astoria, in Clatsop county, State of Oregon, and shall proceed to sell the same at Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 4th day of October, 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the Court-house door, in the County and State above written. W. H. TWILIGHT, Sheriff of Clatsop Co., Oregon. Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 3d day of September, 1873.

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

AS HAS ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED through the newspapers of the State, the following named books have been duly selected as the authorized text books in the branches mentioned, in the Public Schools of Oregon, for four years commencing Oct. 1, 1873. ARITHMETIC—Thompson's New Graded Series, (including New Mental for primary classes—New Rudiments and New Practical), and Brooks' Normal Mental, for advanced classes. GEOGRAPHY—Monticelli's Introduction to Man, and First, Second and Intermediate (both Pacific Coast Edition). GRAMMAR—Clark's Beginner's and Normal. UNITED STATES HISTORY—Barnes' Brief History. GENERAL HISTORY—Peter Parley's Universal, (for beginners). PENMANSHIP—Spencerian system and copies. FOR SCHOOLS OF ADVANCED GRADES. HIGHER ARITHMETIC—Robinson's Progressive Higher. GEOMETRY—ALGEBRA—Brooks'; COMPOSITION, Hants'. GENERAL HISTORY—Anderson's (advanced). PHYSIOLOGY—Steele's "Fourteen Weeks." NATURAL PHILOSOPHY—Steele's "14 Weeks." CHEMISTRY—Steele's "Fourteen Weeks." BOTANY—Wood's Botanist and Florist. BOOK KEEPING—Dwyant and Stratton's (High School Edition).

The readers and spellers will be selected about the middle of September.

The law requires that the books selected shall be introduced into all the Public Schools of the State, "on or before the first day of October, 1873." But the act, (owing to an inadvertent omission in framing it), did not go into effect until three months after the close of the session, and as there has been some unavoidable delay from other causes, the text-books have been adopted at so late a day that it would be a hardship upon the patrons of the schools to insist upon having the introduction of the "authorized" series completed by the day named in the law. Under these circumstances the State Board of Education has concluded to take the responsibility of extending the time so as to secure the gradual introduction of the books that have been adopted. Hence, though it will be expected and required that all the Public Schools of the State shall begin in good faith "on or before October 1st, 1873," if the books can be procured by that time, to introduce the "authorized" series, they will be allowed until March 1st, 1874, to complete the introduction.—(By the order of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Oregon.)

In the meantime, let District Directors, Teachers, and all others having authority, see to it that the books which have been selected are introduced as rapidly as possible. After October 1st, 1873, the purchase of any other books, for use in Public Schools, than those named above, is most strictly forbidden.

And any District neglecting to so provide for the introduction of the "authorized" series of text books, shall forfeit its proportion of the school fund for the succeeding year, and every year thereafter, until all of said series are introduced.—(School Laws, Section 12).

W. A. TENNEY, Superintendent of Schools for Clatsop County.

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